

PATENT

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: David Wilkinson et al.

Title: CHEMICAL MECHANICAL POLISHING RETAINING RING WITH  
INTEGRAL POLYMER BACKING

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## THIRD RULE 312 COMMUNICATION

Dear Sir:

The Notice of Allowance dated March 22, 2004 is acknowledged and appreciated.

Applicants filed Information Disclosure Statements on March 19, 2004 and May 11, 2006. Consideration of these Information Disclosure Statements is respectfully requested. For the Examiner's convenience, a copy of the corresponding Form PTO-1449's are enclosed herewith.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding this or any other communication, the Examiner is invited to telephone Applicants' undersigned representative at the number listed below.

Applicants do not believe that any additional fees are due, but if the Commissioner believes additional fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50-3797.

Respectfully submitted,

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